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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6158**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1949

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 14, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Age Limit for Fireworks Purchases.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Thompson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill makes it a Class C infraction for: (1) a retailer to sell fireworks to a person less than 18 years of age; (2) a person less than 18 years of age to purchase fireworks; or (3) a person to purchase fireworks for resale to a person less than 18 years of age. It provides a defense for the retailer if the person who is less than 18 years of age makes the purchase using false identification.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which is deposited in the state General Fund. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would be

assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund.  
(3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement the compensation of jury members.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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